

3. UNIT OVERVIEW

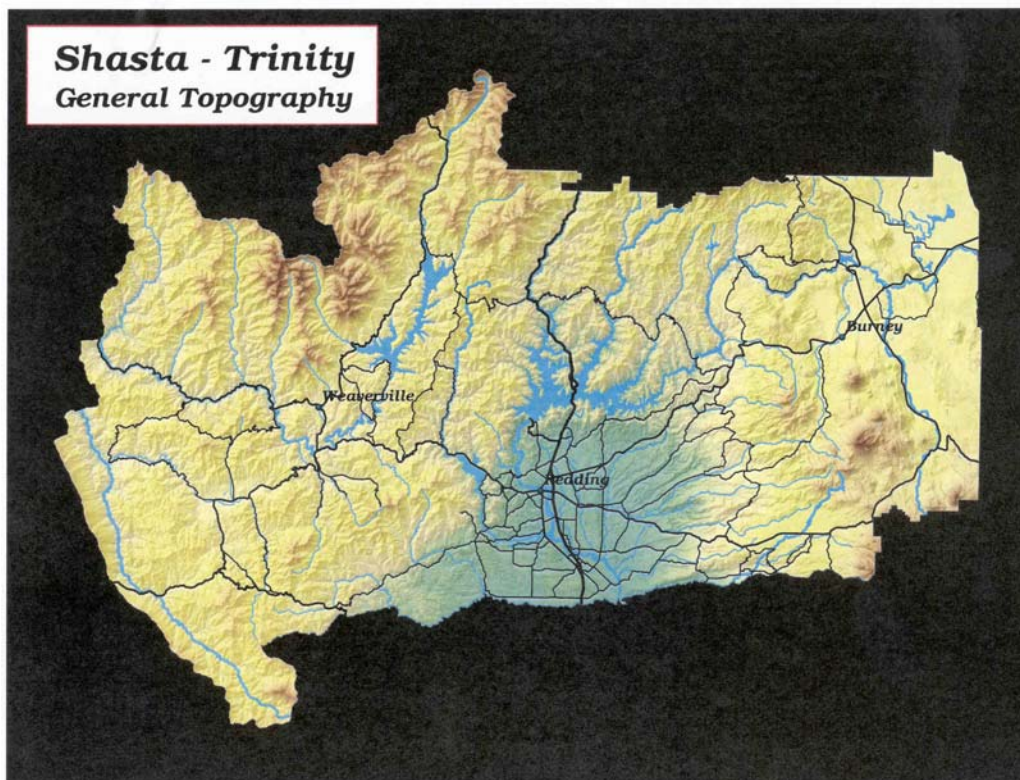
The Shasta – Trinity Unit is located at the northern end of the Sacramento Valley. It encompasses most of Shasta County and portions of eastern Trinity County. Federal lands administered by the Shasta – Trinity and Lassen National Forest, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Reclamation, and the National Park Service adjoin and are contained within the Unit.

Year 2000 national census data indicates that 176,392 people live within the unit boundary; 161,555 in Shasta County and 14,837 in Trinity County (A January 2003 Shasta County survey indicates a population of 172,000). In Shasta County 111,000 people live within the boundaries of incorporated cities or districts located in Local Responsibility Areas. The majority of Trinity County's population is located within State Responsibility Areas or small pockets of private land within Federal Responsibility Area. (2000 census Population and housing density maps follow).

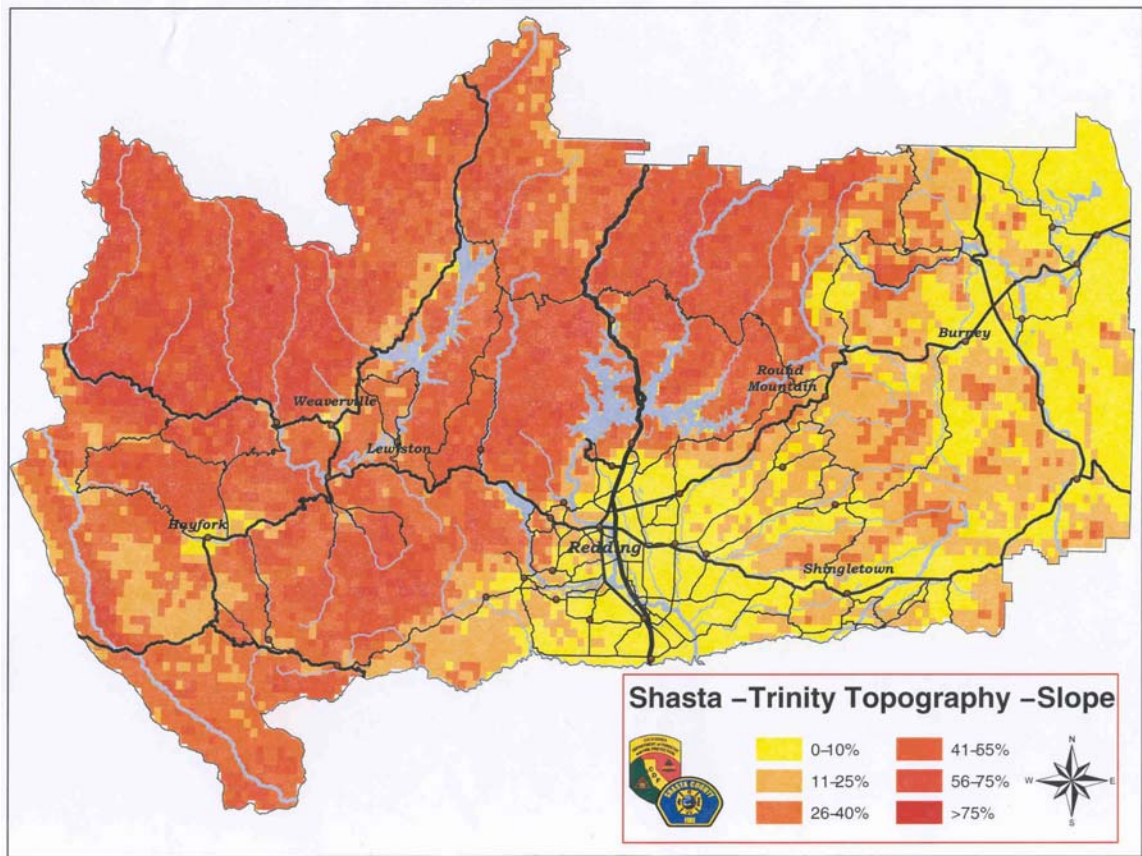


Location

The Unit is located at the extreme northern end of the Sacramento Valley with the Sacramento River bisecting the Unit. The Unit includes portions of the Great Valley, the Southern Cascade and North Coast Ranges, and the Modoc Plateau. The Eastern slopes of Shasta County gently rise across the toe of the Southern Cascade Range towards the Modoc Plateau while to the West and North the land abruptly rises to the Klamath Mountains. Southern Trinity County and the southwest corner of Shasta County are partially located in the North Coast Range.



The “Topography – Slope” map indicates the variable nature of the geomorphic regions that intersect within the Unit.

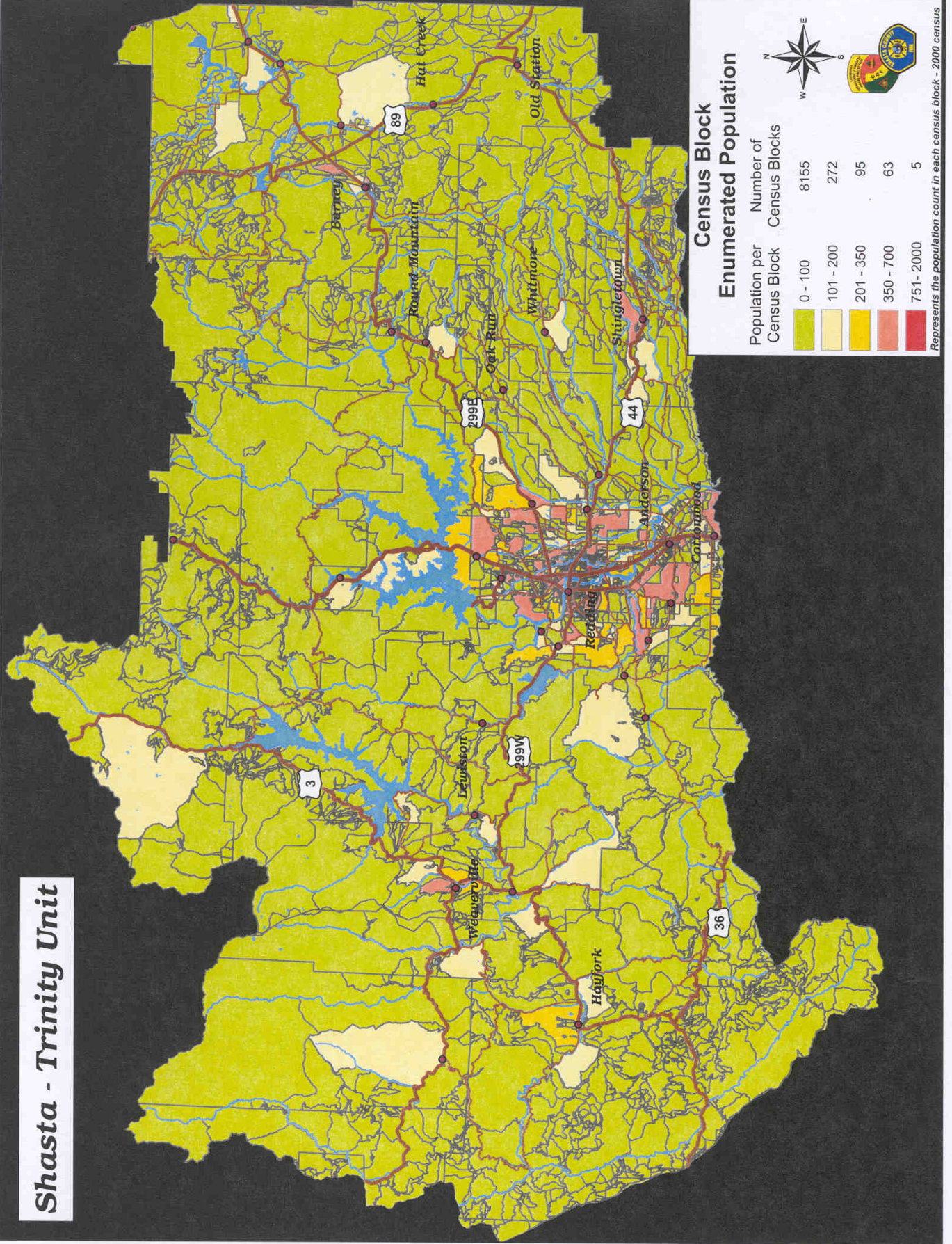


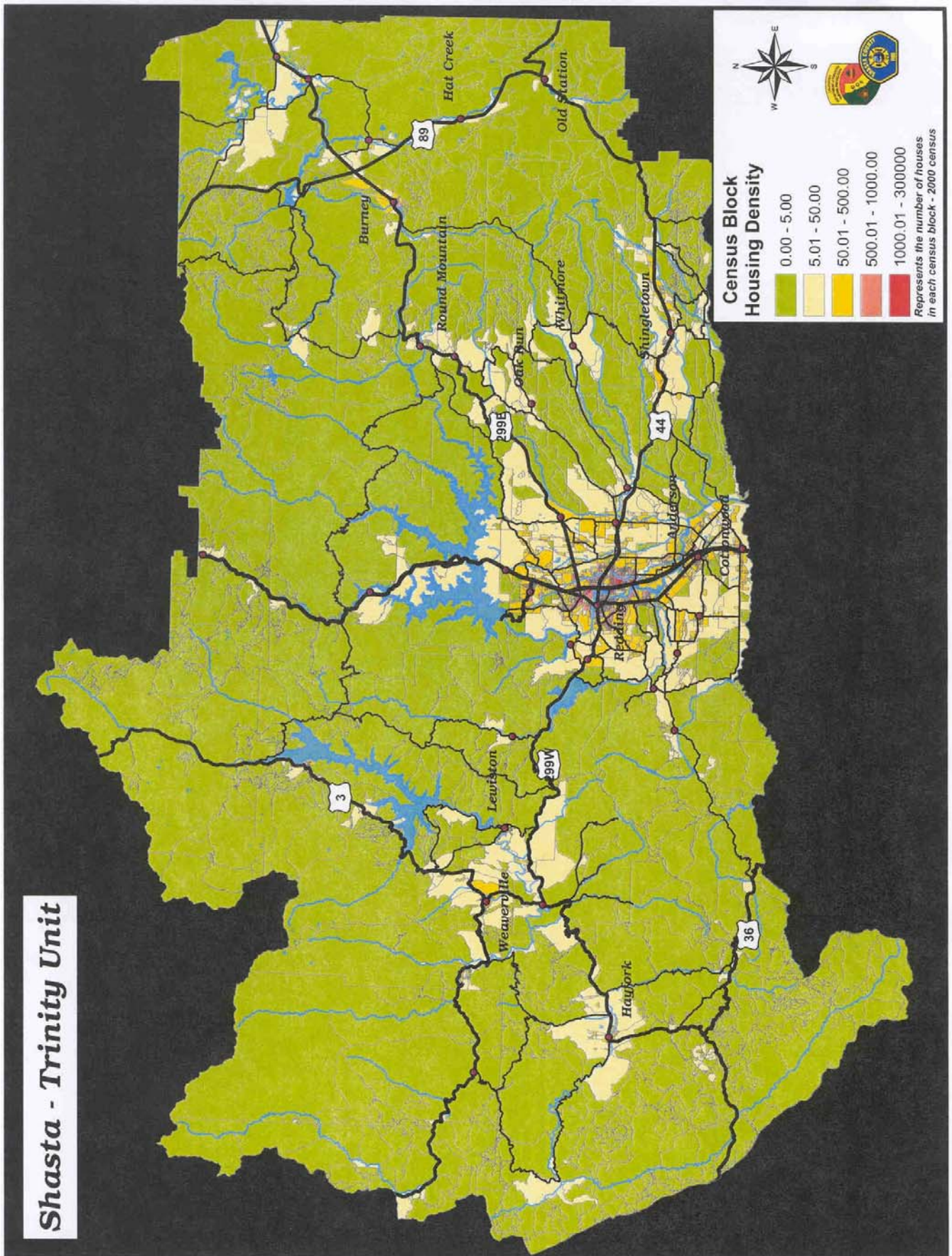
Trinity Alps

West Redding area



Shasta - Trinity Unit





Political Boundaries

Besides the County boundaries, three incorporated cities lie within the boundaries of the Shasta – Trinity Unit, Anderson, Redding, and the City of Shasta Lake. The remaining communities within the Unit are not incorporated.

Thirty-one Independent Special Districts provide services to portions of the unincorporated areas of Shasta County.

2 Resource Conservation Districts

1 Irrigation District

1 Hospital District

8 Cemetery Districts

6 Community Service Districts

3 Mosquito Abatement Districts

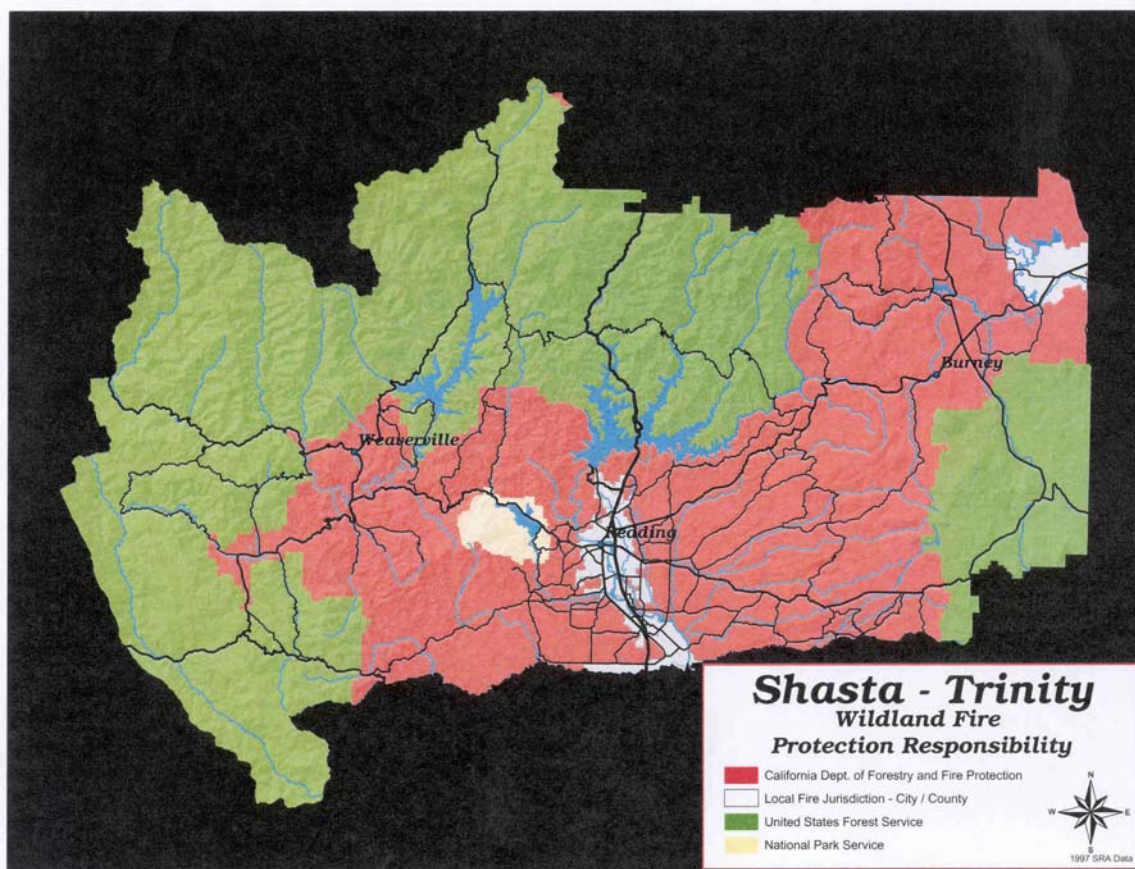
10 Fire Districts

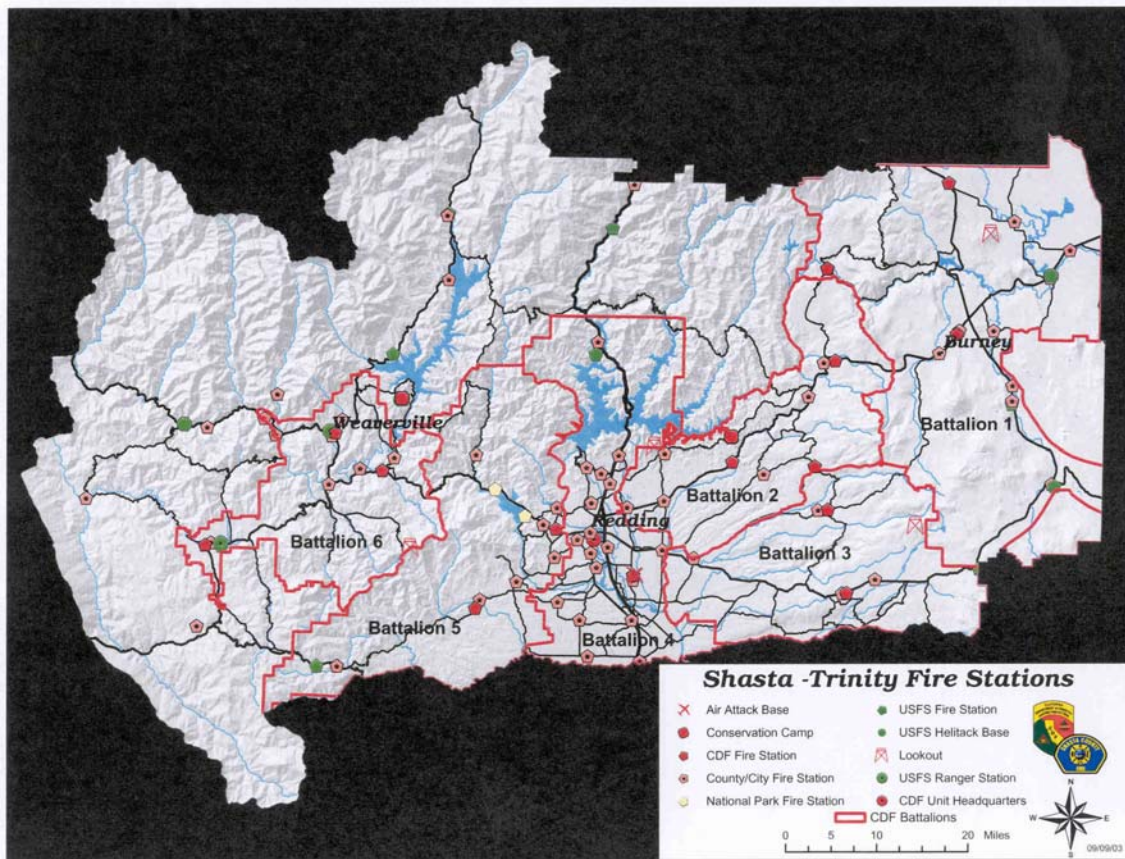
Fourteen dependent special districts called County Service Areas (CSAs) provide other services. CSA 1 provides funding for fire protection for all the unincorporated areas within Shasta County that are not in a Fire District.

Seventeen Special Districts provide services to Trinity County.

Fire Protection Services

Wildland fire protection areas within the Unit are administered by the California Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection, the United States Forest Service, and the National Park Service -Whiskeytown National Recreation Area. (Lassen National Park is administered by the Lassen – Modoc Unit.)





The State Responsibility Area of the Unit is divided into six field battalions.

During declared fire season, the Shasta – Trinity Unit operates nineteen fire engines, three dozers, eleven hand crews, one Air Tactical Supervisor aircraft and two Air tankers.

Redding City Fire Department, 10 fire districts, and the Shasta County Fire Department provide local fire protection responsibility for improvements within Shasta County.

5 fire districts, 4 community service districts and 3 volunteer fire companies and one PUD provide local responsibility fire protection within Trinity County.

<i>Shasta County</i>	<i>Trinity County</i>
CDF	CDF
USFS	USFS
WNPS	Coffee Creek Volunteer Fire Company
Anderson Fire Protection District	Douglas City Fire Protection District
Burney Fire Protection District	Down River Volunteer Fire Company
City of Redding	Hayfork Fire Protection District
Cottonwood Fire Protection District	Hawkins Bar Community Service District
Fall River Fire Protection District	Hyampom Community Service District
Happy Valley Fire Protection District	Junction City Fire Protection District
McArthur Fire Protection District	Lewiston Fire Protection District
Millville Fire Protection District	Trinity Center Community Service District
Shasta County Fire Department	Salyer Community Service District
Shasta College Fire Protection District	Post Mountain Public Utility District
Shasta Fire Community Service District	Weaverville Fire Protection District
Shasta Lake Fire Protection District	Wildwood Volunteer Fire Company